



LEIGHTON - LINSLADE CROQUET CLUB

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on November 21st. 2001 at Northall Village Hall

1. Present There were twenty-six members present with their guests. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended an especially warm welcome to our guests who were:- Mrs. Judy Anderson, Regional Development Co-ordinator of the East Anglian Federation of Croquet Clubs and Tom Anderson.

Mrs. Marjorie Cliffe, our Auditor.

Mr. Peter Rogers, Chair of Leighton-Linslade Sports

Council and Mrs. Rogers.

We were also pleased later to welcome Elaine and Peter Newman, founder members, who live in Northall.

2. Apologies. Martin Field

3. Minutes of the AGM 15.11.00 These were agreed and signed. There were no matters arising.

4. Adoption of Reports. The Chairman's report was adopted.

The Secretary's report was adopted after discussion of item 3-"Playing-Sessions" and item 7-"Lawn space". It was agreed to refer these matters to the new committee for further consideration.

The sec. reported that, since her report was circulated, she had discussed with Judy Anderson the feasibility of applying for grant-aid from the 'Awards for All' fund of up to \$5000. Possible uses of such a grant could include expenses involved in re-location to the Stanbridge Rd. site; purchase of an indoor croquet carpet to be used in any suitable hall; fees/expenses involved in training some members as coaches which would enable us better to attract and initiate young players into the sport, etc. etc..

5. Presentation of Accounts. The treasurer spoke to the accounts as circulated. He drew members attention to the cost of the basic activity of the Club - £1126 and the fee income which was £1045, a shortfall of £80+. He thanked E. and L. Buckingham and M. and T. Brown who had raised supplementary funds which kept the Club afloat. It would be necessary, he pointed out, to raise fees by £5 merely to balance the books but stressed the need to try to build up a contingency reserve for the future health of the Club. After some discussion G. Lawson Proposed and R. Keighley Seconded the adoption of the accounts. This was Agreed.

The treasurer was thanked for his work over the year. He explained that he and Jean planned to leave the area part way through the next season so he would not be standing for re-election.

J. Anderson thanked the Club for its contribution to the Hunstanton appeal and reported that a total of £1500 had been donated by E. Anglian clubs. The new clubhouse at Hunstanton is now rebuilt and running.

6. Appointment of Auditor. Mrs. M. Cliffe was thanked for her work in auditing the 2001 accounts. She agreed to continue for 2002 and was re-appointed.

7. Election of Officers. Joan Slow was elected as Chairperson ; Margaret Brown as Secretary - both for their second term. Len Buckingham was nominated as Treasurer, proposer D. Phelps, seconder A. Bunn, and was elected.

Election of General Committee-members. The following were elected:-

E. Buckingham	A. Bunn	M. Dilley
J. Floyd	R. Keighley	M. Lawson
G. Lawson	D. Phelps	

Other members interested joining the committee may be co-opted.

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8. Proposals 1) Corrections to Constitution - The minor amendments relating to clause 8 were agreed unanimously.

2) Proposal that "The membership fees for 2002 be £45 for full members and £15 for Junior members".

An amendment was proposed by D.Phelps, seconded by A.Burton' that "the membership fee for full members be £40 in 2002". After discussion the amendment was voted upon and was lost 10 votes to 14. The original proposal was then accepted.

3) Junior membership The proposal was that "Young people 12-18 years in full-time education be admitted to membership. Children under 12 yrs. to be accompanied by a member and play as visitors". This was agreed.

10. Any Other Business. 1) A letter of thanks from Irene Davis to those from the Club who had taken part in the 24 hr. croquet marathon in aid of MacMillan Cancer-care was read out. A total of £2,207.40 was raised.

2) The first meeting of the new committee will take place at 7.30 pm on Wed. 13th February 2002 at Tudor Grange, Heath Court.

3) J.Fogg proposed a vote of thanks to the Newsletter Editor.

4) L.Jones raised a point about the problem of hollows which develop below hoops during the season.

11. The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and contributions and declared the meeting closed.

The end-of-season social celebration followed.

Signed J. Blow Chairman

Date 21.11.02

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